

**Durham Police Department
2021 4th Quarter Report
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Police Chief Patrice Andrews**

The Durham Police Department reports on five measures – Part 1 Violent Crime, Part 1 Property Crime, Clearance Rates, Sworn/Non-Sworn Staffing and Priority 1 Call Responses – every quarter. The report also includes significant arrests, activities, community events and outstanding performances during the quarter.

Part 1 violent crime (homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) dropped by 11 percent during 2021 compared to 2020. Overall Part 1 property crime (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft) dropped by nine percent in 2021 and property crime was down in all categories. Property crime comprised 82 percent of all Part 1 crime and larcenies made up almost two thirds - 63 percent – of Part 1 crime in 2021.

Part 1 Violent Crime – January through December

Part 1 Violent Crimes	3-Year Avg	2019	2020	2021	2020-21 % Change
Homicide	42	38	37	50	35%
Rape	115	106	116	122	5%
Robbery	585	611	613	531	-13%
Aggravated Assault	1,443	1,250	1,642	1,436	-13%
Violent Crime	2,184	2,005	2,408	2,139	-11%

Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit

Part 1 Property Crime – January through December

Part 1 Property Crimes	3-Year Avg	2019	2020	2021	2020-21 % Change
Burglary	1,704	1,851	1,816	1,444	-20%
Larceny	7,627	7,835	7,688	7,357	-4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	747	677	878	686	-22%
Property Crime	10,077	10,363	10,382	9,487	-9%

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Part 1 Crime Clearance Rates

Crime Category	DPD 2021	DPD 2020	FBI 2020
Homicide	48.0%	32.4%	49.0%
Rape	22.9%	31.9%	23.9%
Robbery	32.6%	19.6%	24.8%
Aggravated Assault	37.7%	23.9%	36.6%
Violent Crime	35.9%	23.3%	33.1%
Burglary	15.9%	10.5%	11.9%
Larceny	12.7%	13.0%	11.2%
Motor Vehicle Theft	11.2%	8.3%	9.3%
Property Crime	13.1%	12.2%	11.0%

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FBI statistics are for cities with 250,000 to 499,999 populations*

Priority 1 Call Responses

The average response time to Priority 1 calls during 2021 was 6.23 minutes, which did not meet our target average of 5.8 minutes.

During 2021, 51.03 percent of Priority 1 calls were answered in under five minutes. That was less than our target of 57 percent.

Staffing Levels

The DPD's sworn staffing was at 85 percent (456/537) at the end of December 2021. The department's non-sworn staffing was at 89 percent (111/125) at the end of December 2021.

Adult Misdemeanor Diversion (October 2015- January 2022):

*Adult MDP was 18-21 until February 2019 when DPD did expansion to include up to age 26 and older adults at officer discretion.

There have been 379 participants enrolled to date with a 100% completion rate. There are 10 still enrolled with three intakes still pending. All are on track to complete.

More than 370 participants have completed the program and only 16 participants re-offended within one year of completion.

Demographics: 58% African-American; 25% Caucasian; 14% Hispanic; 2% AS/PI; and 1% Other.

Referral Sources for this Calendar Year: 100% DPD

Referrals to Wrap-Around Services (247 total referrals): Wrap around services include: education services, employment assistance, mental health evaluations/treatment, mentoring, substance use evaluations/treatment and housing. During COVID-19, the program also provided community resources for food, financial resources and other needs to all MDP participants. All services and wrap around services are offered in English and Spanish.

Part 1 Domestic Violence Crimes (January-December)

Part 1 Violent Crime	2019	2020	2021
Murder	4	3	1
Rape	21	24	20
Robbery	14	23	32
Aggravated Assault	248	261	275
Totals	287	311	328
Part 1 Property Crime	2019	2020	2021
Burglary	42	40	46
Larceny	45	68	77
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	5	1
Totals	90	113	124
Part 1 Index Crime Totals	377	424	452

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Juvenile Offenses for January-December 2021

Offense/Age	12	13	14	15	16	17	Grand Total
Aggravated Assault				8	3	5	16
All Other Offenses	2	3	3	13	22	13	56
Burglary			1	6	10	3	20
Driving While Impaired						1	1
Drug Violations				2	6	5	13
Embezzlement						1	1
Forgery/Counterfeiting					3	1	4
Fraud	1				1	2	4
Homicide				1	1		2
Larceny	1	1	3	6	60	11	82
Liquor Law Violations					1		1
Obscene Material					2		2
Robbery			3	4	6	4	17
Sex Offenses					1	1	2
Simple Assault		3	2	3	6	7	21
Stolen Property	3		1	10	15	4	33
Vandalism			1	2	9	5	17
Weapon Violations				12	16	26	54
Grand Total	7	7	14	67	162	89	346

Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit

Police Recruit Applicants Tested During the 4th Quarter 2021

2021 4th Quarter	Number of Applicants	Failed Written Test	Failed Physical Test	Durham Residents Total	Durham Residents Failed Test
White Male	13	1	3	2	1
White Female	0	0	0	0	0
African-American Male	8	4	0	3	1
African-American Female	4	2	1	1	1
Latino Male	7	1	3	0	0
Latino Female	0	0	0	0	0
Asian Male	0	0	0	0	0
Asian Female	0	0	0	0	0
Other Male	0	0	0	0	0
Other Female	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	8	7	6	3

Statistics provided by the Durham Police Department's Training Division

4th Quarter Recruiting Unit Job Fairs and Open Houses - The Recruiting Unit attended 10 virtual and in-person recruiting fairs during the fourth quarter of 2021. The recruiting events included the following locations: Appalachian State University Career Fair, Georgia Southern University Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Virtual Fair, Military Recruiting Event in Virginia, Elizabeth City State University (HBCU), Reliant Law Enforcement Career Fair in Raleigh, Camp Lejeune TRS Lunch Fair, The Streets at Southpoint Curtis Media Group Job Fair, Campbell University Criminal Justice Fair, University Of Alabama Virtual Career Fair and Onslow County Veterans Career Fair.

Our Recruiting Unit has continued to work during the pandemic and accept applications. Potential applicants were encouraged to apply through the City of Durham website and contact DPD recruiters via email.

2021 Traffic Fatalities

	Date	Location	Number of Units Involved	Total Number Killed
1	01/02/2021	I-40 East @ Mile Marker 274	1	1
2	01/06/2021	1500 Block of Holloway Street	2	1
3	03/06/2021	1600 Block of Cole Mill Road	1	1
4	03/27/2021	2500 Block of Hillsborough Road	1	1
5	04/18/2021	TW Alexander Drive/Wind River Parkway	2	1
6	04/26/2021	MLK Jr. Parkway/Stratford Lakes Drive	1	1
7	04/29/2021	200 Block of TW Alexander Drive	2	1
8	05/20/2021	500 Block of West Pettigrew Street	2	1
9	07/14/2021	North Roxboro Street/Monk Road	6	1
10	07/26/2021	Junction Road/Inlet Avenue	1	1
11	08/17/2021	I-85 North @ Roxboro Street	1	1
12	08/27/2021	I-40 East Off Ramp @ U.S. 15-501	2	1
13	09/26/2021	I-85 South near Guess Road	2	1
14	10/29/2021	North Alston Avenue/East Geer Street	4	1
15	11/07/2021	South Miami Boulevard/Cornwallis Road	2	1
16	12/01/2021	I-85 South @ U.S. 70 Off Ramp	1	1
17	12/19/2021	Durham Chapel Hill Boulevard/Nation Avenue	2	1
18	12/22/2021	West Club Boulevard/Dollar Avenue	2	1

There were 18 fatal crashes in Durham in 2021, which was 33 percent lower than the 27 fatal crashes in 2020. Four fatal crashes involved pedestrians. There were no fatal crashes involving bicyclists.

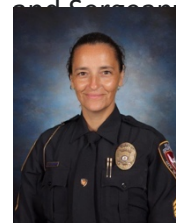
One fatal crash was a hit-and-run. Impairment was a factor in at least four of the fatal crashes and excessive speed was a factor in 10 crashes. Fifteen fatal crashes involved safe movement violations.

4th Quarter Awards and Honors

Hometown Heroes – DPD Hispanic Liaison Officer R.M. Avila L.A. Kirkman of the Training Division were honored as Hometown Heroes by the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association. They were among 77 North Carolina first responders recognized as part of the 5th annual statewide Hometown Heroes Recognition Luncheon at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel on December 7.



Ofc. Avila



Sgt. Kirkman

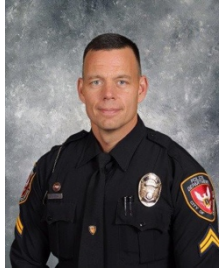
Sergeant Kirkman received accolades for exceptional leadership and mentoring of police recruits through the COVID-19 pandemic. Officer Avila was honored for outstanding work as DPD's Hispanic Liaison Officer and her support of the department's Police Athletic League (PAL) program.

The North Carolina Hometown Heroes program was started on the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on America. Honorees are nominated by their local new car, truck, and RV dealer and are presented with an award as part of the recognition lunch. The first responders, representing several areas from around North Carolina, included men and women from Fire, Police and Sheriff's Departments, State Highway Patrol, and Emergency Medical Services. Members of the NCDMV License and Theft Bureau, United States Postal Inspection Service, United States Attorney's Office, and the United States Secret Service were also recognized.

DPD CIT Officer of the Year – DPD Officer K.E. Baum, who works on Squad 1C, was honored as the DPD's CIT Officer of the Year at the 14th Annual CIT Awards Celebration on December 3. The virtual event was hosted by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Durham and the Durham Crisis Intervention Team (CIT).



Officer Baum earned his CIT certification in 2019. During the first 10 months of 2021, Officer Baum responded to over 30 CIT-related calls including an attempted suicide, a suicide threat and involuntary commitments. In every incident, Officer Baum demonstrated the ideals of the CIT mission with excellence. In fact, supervisors routinely cite firsthand and video accounts of Officer Baum's patience, de-escalation proficiency and effective communication on CIT calls and calls for service in general.



Heart of CIT Award – Corporal J.B. King of the DPD’s CIT Unit was recognized with the Heart of CIT Award at the Annual CIT Awards Celebration. Corporal King exemplifies the Heart of CIT in his everyday work. He manages the day-to-day operations of DPD’s CIT Unit by triaging calls for service. He assesses the type of follow-up needed and makes referrals. In many instances, Corporal King performs these tasks from the passenger seat of a patrol car as he rides along to provide backup, if needed.

As a member of Durham’s Unsheltered Committee, Corporal King is mission-minded to provide critical resources to help the homeless population and works with Housing for New Hope to help patrons obtain permanent places to live. Corporal King was recognized as the CIT Partner of the Year in 2020. He became the corporal of the Crisis Intervention Unit, Victim Services Unit and Liaisons in January of 2018.

West Point Leadership Graduates – Four DPD employees – Lt. J.J. Kenyon, Sgt. J.L. Love, Sgt. J. Crews and EIS Data Supervisor M. Johnson – graduated from the West Point Leadership program in Greensboro.

The West Point Leadership program is an academically rigorous course that relies heavily on the case study method of learning. The course examines and integrates leadership in organizations from four perspectives: the individual, the group, the leader, and the organization.

DPD October Employees of the Month

District 1 – Officer K.E. Baum, Squad 1C – Officer Baum was recognized by his supervisor for his outstanding patrol work and his work as a CIT-trained officer.

His supervisor said, “Officer Baum has consistently demonstrated excellent police work across the spectrum of what is desired in an excellent patrol officer. Additionally, Officer Baum was designated as the Durham Police Department CIT Officer of the Year for all the hard work and excellence demonstrated in helping some of Durham’s most vulnerable residents.”

His proactive patrolling led to the recovery of three stolen motor vehicles. Further investigation on his part led to the arrest of a suspect with multiple outstanding warrants. Another example of Officer Baum’s initiative and diligence were demonstrated in his locating and apprehending an aggravated assault suspect (from a 2020 shooting case) who was also in possession of a firearm and drugs.

District 2 – Officer J.C. Hann, Squad 2B – Officer Hann was recognized for making arrests involving three different robberies and for being a squad leader. According to his supervisor, “Officer Hann has excellent instincts, makes great decisions, and acts as an informal leader on his squad.”

In August, Officer Hann located a suspect vehicle from an armed robbery that occurred at a convenience store in District 2. The suspect was arrested following a brief vehicle pursuit and charged with armed robbery.

In September, Officer Hann was responding to an alarm call when he saw an active disturbance in a parking lot on Hillsborough Road. Officer Hann immediately intervened. Three suspects were detained, and all were charged with various offenses related to an armed robbery.

In October, Officer Hann located two males walking near the 2000 block of Broad Street who were suspected of committing an armed robbery of a person that occurred nearby. Both males were detained, and a firearm was seized. Robbery and firearm charges were filed on both males.

District 3 – Officer J.P. Florian, Squad 3A – Officer Florian was recognized for the proactive work he did on a day when he was called in on his day off to assist another squad. It was the second time he was named as District 3’s Employee of the Month in 2021.

On October 10, B squad received the assistance of Officer Florian and several other officers from A squad. Officer Florian was recognized for being proactive during that shift. Officer Florian, along with other officers, arrested a suspect for possession of stolen vehicle. He responded to a domestic with a weapon incident and detained a subject with an inactive concealed carry permit. The subject was later charged with a weapons violation. While going to enter property from the domestic case, Officer Florian initiated a traffic stop on an erratic driver who was subsequently charged with driving while impaired. “His work was done with professionalism and attention to detail,” said his supervisor.

District 4 – Officer C.Y. Everett, Squad 4A – Officer Everett was recognized for his excellent handling of a disturbance with a weapon call. While on the way to the call, officers learned that a man was in crisis and was pointing a gun at people. He also was reported to be shooting the gun into the air. Officers tactically surrounded the house since the man was inside a small apartment on the bottom floor of the house. While holding the perimeter, Officer Everett was able to get to a safe tactical position that had cover but also gave him a clear view of the door to the man’s apartment.

Officer Everett began to give commands for the man to come outside. The man came to the door and told Officer Everett that he was not coming out. He was hostile and agitated toward officers, but Officer Everett spoke to the man for several minutes, ensuring him that officers were there to help him and that he was not in trouble. After approximately 30 minutes, the man walked outside voluntarily and was taken into custody without incident. He was later taken for mental health treatment. His supervisor said, "Officer Everett's poise, compassion and patience, allowed for this call to be handled in the best possible way."

District 5 – Investigator H.F. Henry, Traffic and Crash Team (TACT) – Investigator Henry, who has been with the DPD for 18 years and assigned to TACT since 2009, was recognized for his passion for traffic safety and work with The Right Choice classes which are designed for traffic offenders and provide education and awareness in an attempt to avoid future driving problems. This education for violators can often make a larger impact on safe driving than citations alone.

Investigator Henry enjoys sharing knowledge with both the community as well as other officers. He was nicknamed "Pop" because of the knowledge he shares and his informal leadership. Investigator Henry frequently receives praise from members of the Durham County District Attorney's Office as well as MADD for his tireless efforts to combat dangerous driving behavior and to help encourage seatbelt use.

Community Services Division – Officer R.D. Taylor and Officer R.D. Trice, Community Engagement Unit (CEU) – CEU Officers Taylor and Trice were recognized for saving a man's life when they responded to a cardiac arrest call. Upon arrival, they located a man on the ground who was unresponsive and not breathing. Officer Taylor then began to perform CPR on the man and Officer Trice would later rotate in to continue providing CPR. EMS arrived on the scene and the man regained a pulse. The man was then transported to the hospital for further evaluation. Due to the officers' quick response and implementation of their CPR training they played an integral role in saving the man's life.

Criminal Investigations Division – Investigator H.P. Brown, Special Victims Unit – Investigator Brown was recognized for her investigation of a child abuse case involving several juvenile victims. She immediately learned that there was a long and complicated history between the mother and father and allegations of abuse in several jurisdictions. She coordinated her investigation initially with Child Protective Services and her initial goal was to obtain enough evidence to get the children removed from the home. She also reached out to other jurisdictions where the family had resided to collect more information.

Investigator Brown then worked to gather evidence to formulate charges on the father. She consulted and met with the District Attorney's Office, the Durham County Attorney for Child Protective Services and many local agencies and advocacy groups. She spoke to the child victims many times in the evening on her own time and built her case. Investigator Brown interviewed all the children and built relationships with the foster families. After a long and complete investigation, the father was arrested on numerous felony charges and placed in Durham County Jail with a high bond.

"Investigator Brown demonstrated superior investigative skills, the ability to coordinate information and cooperation between several different agencies and did all this with a high degree of professionalism. Not only was she able to secure proper and complete charges, she insured the safety of children whose physical and mental wellbeing were in jeopardy," her supervisor said.

Forensic Services Division – Crime Scene Specialist Rachel Murphy – CSS Murphy was recognized for her quality leadership and testimony in court.

She testified in court on a sexual assault case where her work on the scene and her testimony in court assisted in the defendant receiving a conviction of 25 years in prison. CSS Murphy recently completed a homicide casefile, totaling over 150 pages, which was technically reviewed and found to have zero errors. "This is a rare feat in that case files this complex typically have at least one common error. The fact that this 150 plus page case file was error free is symbolic of CSS Murphy's work on a day-to-day basis" her nomination said.

CSS Murphy also took on the task of having a trainee on her squad and ensuring that all training standards were being met. She has also graciously volunteered to cover shifts in the past few months during short staffing issues. Recently, during the unit's re-accreditation process, CSS Murphy met with assessors who were highly impressed with her performance.

Training Division – Officer C.T. Strickland, Recruiting Unit – Officer Strickland was recognized for his new and creative ways to reach out to quality sworn police applicants. He recently took the initiative to create a QR code in an effort to appeal to some of our millennial and Gen Z applicants. He also wanted to find a way to quickly exchange information with potential applicants without having to share any touch surfaces. Officer Strickland was able to create the QR code and a landing page using a free app that he found on the internet at no cost to the department.

Now when Officer Strickland attends career fairs and events, he can pull out his city cellphone with his QR code displayed on the screen, and let potential applicants use their cellphones to quickly scan the QR code. The QR code takes the applicant directly to a landing page that has all of Officer Strickland's contact information and links to DPD's social media pages on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Applicants can call Officer Strickland's cellphone directly from the landing page as well.

It was also Officer Strickland's idea to get the recruiting officers city-issued cellphones so that they can be in constant communication with the applicants even when they are traveling out of town for career fairs and other events. His supervisor said, "Thanks to Officer Strickland's innovative thinking, the DPD Recruiting Unit has found another way to stand out from the competition. Now, more than ever, it is imperative to be able to quickly adapt in this constantly changing hiring market."

November Employees of the Month

District 1 – Officer R.M. Benfield, Squad 1B – Officer Benfield was recognized for his quick thinking and lifesaving efforts following a traffic crash involving a baby. Officer Benfield responded to the scene and performed CPR and assisted the EMS crew during transport to Duke Hospital. His CPR technique was perfect, according to the responding paramedics, and his actions gave the baby every fighting chance for survival. He also received a letter of recognition for his actions from Durham County Emergency Services.

District 2 – Officer L.M. Quattro, Squad 2D – Officer Quattro was recognized for a thorough and lengthy investigation he handled which involved guns and drugs. The investigation started after Officer Quattro initiated a traffic stop. There were three people in the vehicle. During this stop, Officer Quattro located a stolen handgun, an AK style rifle, 45 grams of marijuana and cash. Officer Quattro was able to file charges for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a stolen firearm, possession of marijuana with the intent to manufacture, sell or deliver, three counts of carrying a concealed weapon and two counts of possession of a firearm by a minor.

Officer Quattro then came in to work on several of his off days to complete search warrants, conduct cellphone dumps, process evidence and to ensure there weren't any loose ends in the case. "Officer Quattro routinely demonstrates his dedication to the City of Durham and is a true asset to the department," his nomination said.

District 3 – Officer A. Rivera, Squad 3D – Officer Rivera was recognized for her kind and compassionate handling of several calls for service in November. Officer Rivera responded to a death investigation and an adult special needs family member who was in the home was very anxious around law enforcement due to having negative interactions with them in the past. Officer Rivera was able to de-escalate and calm him down. The same man was in crisis a couple of days later due to the death of his relative. Officer Rivera responded, calmed him down again and then she spent some quality time with him to ensure he was OK.

Officer Rivera also responded to a parental abduction involving a stepfather and his teenage stepdaughter. Officer Rivera's prompt response to this situation assisted the FBI in locating the pair and arresting the stepfather in another state. The teen was unharmed.

Recently there was a traffic accident in District 3 in which the driver was seriously injured. The next day the family came to District 3 substation trying to locate the driver and found out about the accident. Officer Rivera took the time to work with the family, bringing them to the hospital and setting them up with the social worker.

District 4 – Officer T.S. Stuart, Squad 4D – Officer Stuart was recognized for his outstanding performance locating a stolen vehicle and arresting the suspects who stole it at gunpoint. Officer Stuart was patrolling following the carjacking in an attempt to locate the stolen vehicle. While doing so, Officer Stuart observed a vehicle he believed to be the stolen vehicle. Upon sight of Officer Stuart, the driver sped away.

Officer Stuart initiated a vehicle pursuit, chasing the vehicle east on East Cornwallis Road and then south on Beechwood Drive. Officer Stuart communicated all pertinent information over the radio before losing sight of the vehicle and discontinuing the brief pursuit. Officer Stuart continued to search for the vehicle, finding it moments later on Sprucewood Drive. Officer Stuart observed one of the suspects fleeing the vehicle and gave a good point of reference for responding officers as he gave chase. He was able to apprehend the suspect a short time later. Officer Stuart's clear directions and mastery of the district's geography led to the apprehension of all three suspects.

District 5 – Officer B.C. Paulhus, Slide Squad – Officer Paulhus, who joined the DPD five years ago, was recognized for his dedication, work ethic and high quality of his work. He is a patrol rifle officer, patrol training officer and recently completed general instructor training.

His supervisor said, "Officer Paulhus has readily volunteered to assist the department when needs arise and he has always been known to go the extra mile to do what is right. As a patrol

officer, he works independently, and Sergeant Ochman noted that many other supervisors speak highly of his work ethic and the quality of his work. As a PTO, he is committed to ensuring his trainees get the best training possible and he goes out of his way to expose them to all types of calls. He stresses the importance of excellence in every call and is not worried about staying late to ensure reports are detailed and thorough. When he observes a deficiency in a trainee, he takes time to discuss any concerns with his supervisor and develops a plan to address the issue. He shares his knowledge and experience in a tactful manner that is well received."

Officer Paulhus recently assisted in teaching the Academy 54 recruits with the Criminal Investigations block of instruction. He spent a significant amount of time preparing and ensuring he was ready to teach. He did an outstanding job and the subsequent ratings from the staff and recruits were excellent. As a patrol rifle officer, he attends all of the required training and goes to many of the additional non-required training sessions on his days off.

The range master recently recommended that Officer Paulhus apply for Firearms Instructor Training because of his proficiency, abilities, and dedication to the police department. His supervisor added, "Officer Paulhus truly represents the best of what the Durham PD - he is responsible, professional, and eager to assist."

Community Services Division – Officer D. Beckett, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) – Officer Beckett was recognized for his commitment to making life better for the homeless population in our community and for those in crisis. Just recently he has helped several people, along with Housing for New Hope, to get them on the path to permanent housing. Officer Beckett worked successfully with a woman who was homeless and living in a wooded area. Officer Beckett and Housing for New Hope worked with this homeless woman for two years to find her housing. There were many ups and downs as well as setbacks with her but recently she transitioned into a room at a local motel until permanent housing becomes available.

Another example of Officer Beckett's commitment to assisting the residents of Durham was when he responded to help a resident who was having issues with a family member who was in crisis. Officer Beckett attended to the needs of both the caller and the person in crisis with compassion and empathy. The caller was so pleased with the outcome and Officer Beckett's professionalism along with other CIT Unit members that the resident emailed Mayor Schewel. Mayor Schewel sent Officer Beckett an email praising the job that he did while working with the resident.

Also, during the month of November Officer Beckett was notified by a member of the Open Table Ministries that there was an unsheltered family in need of assistance as the weather

forecast was set to drop below freezing. Officer Beckett contacted the mother and son and found a good location to meet with them. The local shelters were full for the night, so Officer Beckett offered the next best thing he had to offer which were two empowerment jackets. The empowerment jackets turn in to sleeping bags and are designed for extremely cold conditions. When he arrived, he found that they had two dogs, so Officer Beckett gave blankets for the dogs and also contacted Durham Animal Control who immediately delivered dog food, dog bedding and other pet supplies.

Another example of Officer Beckett's compassion happened while he, Officer Donovan and representatives from Neighborhood Improvement Services were out at various locations citywide in order to locate and offer assistance to the unsheltered population. They provided links to housing resources, mental health services and also handed out care packages. They encountered a clearly distressed man who was panhandling. The man told them that he had housing arranged but he desperately was trying to raise \$259 to pay his first month rent in order for him to be able to move in on the following day. He explained that if he was not able to raise the money, he may lose the housing opportunity. Officer Beckett immediately reached out to one of his resources in the community (Open Table Ministries) for assistance as applying through regular assistance programs would take too long. Within minutes, they not only contacted Officer Beckett with an offer to provide the funds, the assistant director agreed to drive out personally to meet this man and take him to pay the rent needed.

While they waited for the assistant director to arrive, Officer Beckett took this man to breakfast at McDonald's. The man told Officer Beckett that he had been truly blessed and was extremely grateful for all that had been done for him.

December Employees of the Month

District 1 – Corporal J.R. Salmon, Squad 1D – Corporal Salmon was recognized for his leadership skills as well as his expert handling of several dangerous and intense calls for service in December. In one case, Corporal Salmon responded to a stabbing call and single-handedly detained the suspect without incident. He also recovered two weapons during the arrest. A few hours later, he responded to a call where multiple people had been shot. Corporal Salmon arrived and secured the scene as he began providing patient care for the people who were shot. Corporal Salmon triaged the victims and began to perform CPR on one of the victims as he directed EMS to another victim who he recognized to be in critical condition.

A few days later, officers responded to a call about a man threatening his former girlfriend with a gun. The suspect left before officers arrived, but Corporal Salmon located him a few blocks

away. Corporal Salmon approached the male and explained why he was being stopped. The male complied up until Corporal Salmon attempted to check the male for the firearm and he began to fight and struggle with Corporal Salmon over the gun. In a very dangerous situation, Corporal Salmon showed great restraint and strength as he fought with the male for control of the gun. Due to Corporal Salmon's quick thinking and restraint this male suspect was taken into custody without any injuries. The male was arrested on the domestic violence charges and for possessing a firearm by a convicted felon.

The examples above are only a small sample of what Corporal Salmon brings to the City of Durham, according to his supervisor. His motivation, experience and work ethic are a constant inspiration to the other members of Squad 1D.

District 2 – Officer S.W. Gamm, Squad 2D – Officer Gamm was recognized for her proactive work and knowledge of her district. Due to these skills, she helped identify several possible carjacking suspects.

Officers responded to an armed carjacking in District 4 in mid-December. At the time, Officer Gamm was conducting a directed patrol in the area of Oxford Manor on Dearborn Drive. Officer Gamm recognized that this area of the district has been a recent dumping grounds for stolen vehicles and so she positioned herself to be able to see the entrance to the complex. After approximately 15 minutes, Officer Gamm observed the stolen vehicle approach. She notified other officers and initiated a traffic stop. The occupants of the vehicle all ran and without hesitation Officer Gamm pursued them on foot. With the help of officers on her squad, two subjects were detained and identified, and the stolen vehicle was returned to its owner.

"Officer Gamm is new to the district but has already built up her knowledge of hot spots. She makes the most of her free time by patrolling these areas which put her in the perfect position to recover this vehicle," her supervisor said in her nomination.

District 3 – Officer D.T. Bartlett, Squad 3D – Officer Bartlett was recognized for his hard work, dedication and attention to detail, which helped solve several cases during December.

In one case, Officer Bartlett was dispatched to an aggravated assault by pointing a gun call at a local business. "Through his hard work, determination, and working with the victim, Officer Bartlett was able to identify the female suspect and take out multiple charges on her," his nomination said.

Later in the month, Officer Bartlett's observations led him to being able to identify a suspect vehicle that was used in an armed robbery several days earlier at a convenience store. Officer

Bartlett was able to stop the vehicle for a traffic violation and identify the six people inside the vehicle, two of whom had possible involvement in the crime. Officer Bartlett made detailed notes and forwarded the information to investigators handling the case. His supervisor said, "Because of his actions and determination, I feel Officer Bartlett needed to be recognized for his hard work and dedication to the department and the Durham community that he serves."

District 4 – Officer N.O. Farlow, Squad 4B – Officer Farlow was recognized for his handling of a domestic violence/arson call. Officer Farlow was dispatched to a domestic disturbance call, which would later be reclassified as an arson. As Officer Farlow arrived on scene, he was met by a woman who stated she had just been assaulted and thrown out of her home. She went on to say that her boyfriend had threatened to burn the residence down and that police would need to force him out of the home.

Officer Farlow observed that all entry points to the home were locked from the inside and noticed that this was a townhome sharing walls with other residences. Realizing that a fire could quickly move throughout the entire building, he contacted his supervisor to advise him of the situation. As other officers arrived on scene, a haze could be seen coming from a second floor back bedroom window. Officer Farlow made forced entry through the front door and after a short building search he located the suspect inside next to a burning mattress in the rear bedroom. The suspect was placed into custody and matches and a lighter were located in his pockets. Fire units responded to extinguish the lit mattress. Officer Farlow's supervisor said, "As a result of Officer Farlow's quick and decisive actions, there were no injuries and minimal property damage."

District 5 – Investigator J.T. Rose, Traffic and Crash Team (TACT) – Investigator Rose was recognized for his investigative expertise as well as his hard work and dedication to the Traffic and Crash Team. His nomination stated, "Investigator Rose has been assigned to the Traffic and Crash Team (TACT) since August of 2020 and has proven to be a vital member since that time. Prior to joining our team, he had been working for years to educate himself and attend training schools that would give him the knowledge he needed to become an effective crash investigator. In November of 2017, Investigator Rose completed the third two-week training course at the NC Justice Academy in order to become a certified Crash Reconstructionist. After that time, he attended numerous other schools to further his education in this field such as motorcycle crash investigation, and pedestrian crash investigation.

Investigator Rose was assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division prior to his role with TACT. His experience there has also proved to be a huge benefit to the team. Specifically, he has shown himself to be very resourceful and skilled when conducting hit-and-run investigations, whether it be his own, or when assisting another member's case."

During December, Investigator Rose was called out to investigate two serious injury crashes. One of the cases involved an intoxicated driver on an ATV with a vehicle identification number (VIN) that had been ground off. In this case, Investigator Rose suspected the ATV of being stolen so he made contact with forensic specialists who used several different methods in an attempt to restore the VIN, which were unsuccessful. He then followed up with the NCDMV License and Theft Bureau, who passed along the information to Yamaha. It was then discovered that the ATV had been reported stolen from Holly Ridge, NC years earlier. Investigator Rose ended up charging the driver of the ATV with 18 separate charges ranging from traffic violations to drug charges and weapons violations. "Investigator Rose is always thorough with his cases and devotes all of the time and attention necessary to conduct a complete and impartial investigation," his supervisor said.

Community Services Division – Corporal R. Andrzejewski Jr. and Officer R.A. Grillasca III, Community Engagement Unit – Corporal Andrzejewski and Officer Grillasca were recognized for their work with the "Bikes, Beds and Helmets" community outreach initiative they developed. They held eight of these events in Durham communities during December.

The planning started earlier in the year when Corporal Andrzejewski applied for a grant to receive free bike helmets from the NCDOT to be given out at these events. Corporal Andrzejewski and Officer Grillasca spoke with the property managers well in advance of each event to promote the event. Once dates were confirmed with each community, Corporal Andrzejewski and Officer Grillasca went to each community to pass out safety tips and promote the event the next day.

The officers also worked with the Durham Bicycle Co-Op to get bicycles ready for each event by fixing bicycles and loading them up in a van to be given out. They also arranged for Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) to also be at these events. SHP builds beds and delivers them to families who have kids sleeping on the floor because they do not have beds.

During these eight events, Corporal Andrzejewski and Officer Grillasca, along with other members of CSD, were able to give out 89 bicycle and 81 helmets and they fixed 10 bicycles on site. They received 55 bed requests and delivered 25 beds for SHP. They still have an additional 64 bike requests.

Corporal Andrzejewski and Officer Grillasca will work with these nonprofit groups to coordinate these well into 2022 and they will continue until there are no more bikes and beds to hand out. These two officers took the concept of community engagement to a higher level.

Criminal Investigations Division – Investigator J.C. Justice, Violent Crimes Unit – Investigator Justice was recognized for his work as lead investigator on a November 26 shooting/robbery at The Streets at Southpoint and his dedication to his work. Three people were shot, including two innocent bystanders, during the incident at the shopping center.

His supervisor said, “Investigator Justice would spend the majority of that day reviewing available video, ensuring valuable evidence was collected, and conducting interviews. He would continue to work the case throughout the weekend. As he learned more about how the incident transpired, and its unique circumstances, he volunteered to come to work the next business day, which was his scheduled day off, to brief the District Attorney’s Office about the situation.”

He spent the majority of the next several weeks watching hundreds of hours of video from a multitude of cameras in an effort to determine what happened during the incident. This long and arduous process would be critical to determining appropriate charges on behalf of the injured parties.

In late December, after obtaining the charges on the main suspect of the robbery, who was still hospitalized, Investigator Justice volunteered to watch him at the hospital for several hours, including beyond the end of his scheduled shift, while coordinating the suspect’s movement to the Durham County Jail. When this process took longer than expected, Investigator Justice was one of the first to volunteer to cover the shifts watching the suspect over the holiday weekend.

In the middle of all this work, Investigator Justice did not lose track of his older cases that still had leads. He was able to conduct additional follow ups on a shooting that occurred in July. This work led to him confirming the identity of the suspect in that case, a juvenile who had been involved in multiple other shooting incidents both in Durham and other counties and clear his assigned incident. During this time, he also cleared a September 2021 shooting.

“Investigator Justice’s high level of dedication to his work and his ability to do it with a positive attitude, especially while being assigned multiple challenging and high profile incidents during the year, is why he deserves recognition as the Investigator of the Month,” his nomination said.

Forensic Services Division – Acting Crime Scene Specialist Benjamin Shields – Shields was recognized for doing an outstanding job as Acting Crime Scene Specialist while his supervisor was out on leave. His nomination said, “Ben stepped into the role as Acting Crime Scene Specialist several months ago and has done a tremendous job of running his squad. His leadership skills and professionalism has been top-notch. Acting CSS Shields has had to deal

with schedule adjustments, COVID, and a squad that seems to have caught the majority of the homicides the past couple of months. All of this was while the Forensics Supervisor was out on medical leave, yet he managed to find his way with little guidance. Ben is always willing to help his squad and other co-workers without hesitation. He is often called on as our “bone expert” to assist with identifying bones that are found. He has volunteered to cover shifts since we are short staffed and has stayed late on many occasions to ensure that his work as well as his squad’s work is completed. It is for these reasons and more that we nominate Acting CSS Ben Shields for employee of the month.”

Training Division – Captain H.J. Burwell III – Captain Burwell was in the drive-thru at a local fast food restaurant a few days before Christmas when a person came out of the restaurant and told Captain Burwell that a person inside the business was choking. Captain Burwell ran inside the restaurant and performed the Heimlich maneuver on the woman, dislodging the item stuck in her throat. Captain Burwell’s quick thinking, medical knowledge and fast actions saved the woman’s life.

4th Quarter Initiatives, Operations and Community Outreach Activities

(These are just a few examples of the many initiatives, operations and community outreach activities conducted by DPD employees during the 4th Quarter of 2021)

DEA National Rx Drug Take Back Day – On October 23, the DPD’s Vice Narcotics Unit partnered with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to conduct DEA National Rx Drug Take Back Day at Russell’s Pharmacy at 2116 Angier Ave and Triangle Pharmacy at 1700 Highway 54 East. Approximately 125 pounds of medication was collected, which included morphine, fentanyl, hydrocodone and other highly addictive substances. NC Safe Kids also provided coloring books for children and other literature to educate the public about prescription drug dangers.

“Slow Your Roll” Speed Enforcement Operation – The Durham Police Department, along with the North Carolina State Highway Patrol and the Durham County Sheriff’s Office, stopped more than 120 drivers for speeding during a traffic safety operation on November 24 on the Interstate 85 corridor in Durham. The location was selected due to high numbers of crashes and injuries that had occurred over the past year in various locations along I-85 within the Durham city limits.

Officers stopped 122 vehicles for speed violations. Most of the vehicles stopped were going in excess of 80 mph in the posted 60 mph zone. Thirteen vehicles stopped were going in excess of 90 mph, with the highest speed clocked at 112 mph. Officers also issued seven citations for careless and reckless driving and 12 other traffic violations. Officers from the DPD’s Traffic and

Crash Team (TACT), Motor Unit, Community Engagement Unit and Uniform Patrol participated in the operation.

Officers hold speed enforcement operations periodically throughout the year in an effort to prevent crashes involving serious injuries and fatalities. During the past two years, 44 percent of traffic fatalities within the Durham city limits involved excessive speed.

Operation No Perched Packages – For the fifth consecutive year during the holiday season, the Durham Police Department partnered with Durham Parks and Recreation and the Solid Waste Management Department to provide community sites where residents could dispose of cardboard boxes from mid-December through January 7, 2022. Boxes placed curbside for collection can be clues to thieves about valuables inside your residence.

Dumpsters for collection of cardboard boxes were available at Old North Durham Park – 310 West Geer Street; Walltown Park Recreation Center – 1308 West Club Boulevard; and Campus Hills Park – 2000 South Alston Avenue.



Community Resource Unit Holiday Initiatives – Officers from the Community Resource Unit held several events to provide safety and crime prevention information to the community during November and December. They set up displays at Southpoint Crossing, Best Buy stores at New Hope Commons Shopping Center and on Fayetteville Road, Roses on North Duke Street, Walmart on Glenn School Road, Compare Foods, The Streets at Southpoint, Chick-Fil-A on Hillsborough Road, ReNew Apartments and Target on Durham-Chapel Hill Boulevard.

Bikes, Beds and Helmets – In November, Corporal Andrzejewski and Officer Grillasca from our Community Engagement Unit came up with a new initiative called “Bikes, Beds and Helmets” to provide bicycles, beds and bike helmets to children in our community. The officers have worked in partnership on this initiative with the Durham Bike Co-Op, Sleep in Heavenly Peace and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (free bicycle helmets). During December, the officers went to several apartment complexes, the Boys & Girls



Club and other locations in Durham to provide bikes, helmets and beds.

In December the officers, working with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, helped build and deliver 25 beds to children who did not have beds to sleep on. They are working on 55 additional requests for beds. The officers and members of the Durham Bike Co-Op delivered 89 bicycles and 81 bicycle safety helmets to children. They also completed 10 onsite bicycle repairs. They are now working on 64 additional requests for bicycles. The officers plan to continue this initiative into 2022.

Hispanic Heritage Month Events – Our department helped host several events to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and to reach out to our Hispanic community. On October 9, our Hispanic Liaison Officer, Community Services Division officers, Victim Services staff and District 3 officers participated at the La Gran Fiesta event at the Crossings @ 501 apartment complex. On November 13, DPD officers in partnership with El Centro, Durham Bike Co-Op, Durham County Health Department and the Durham Fire Department participated in a Family Fun Day at Valley Terrace Apartments.



Treats N Fleet Event – DPD participated in a very successful Treats N Fleet event on October 30 at Walmart on Glenn School Road. Officers from DPD's Motor Unit, Community Resource Unit and the mobile substation were onsite as well as the Durham County Sheriff's Office, Durham Fire Department, GoDurham and MADD North Carolina. More than 800 bags of candy were handed out and participants received free safety information and got to see lots of different vehicles.

DPD G.I.R.L.S. Program – The DPD's G.I.R.L.S. (Grow, Inspire, Reach, Learn and Serve) program met biweekly during the 4th Quarter. Events included meeting Durham Police Chief Patrice Andrews, sessions discussing setting and meeting goals and a visit to the NCCU Fab Lab, which is a digital prototyping platform for innovation and invention, providing stimulus for computational learning and local entrepreneurship.

The Streets at Southpoint Safety Event – Members of the Community Services Division, K9 Unit, Motors Unit and District 3 Uniform Patrol Division held a Safety Event on December 13 at The Streets at Southpoint. Officers handed out safety tips, gave tours of the DPD's mobile command post and had the chance to interact with many community members.

Edgemont Park Tree Planting Event – On November 4, DPD assisted in a tree planting event at Edgemont Park with TreesDurham, Durham Housing Authority, Durham Fire Department Neighborhood Improvement Services and Durham Parks & Recreation.

FOP Cops & Kids – On December 11, DPD employees participated in the Fraternal Order of Police's annual FOP Cops & Kids holiday shopping event at Target. They were able to provide Christmas gifts and other needed items to approximately 25 children. Employees from the Durham County Sheriff's Office also participated.



PAL Venturing Program – Participants in the PAL Venturing Program attended several events during the 4th Quarter. Activities included hikes at West Point on the Eno, exploring Catawba Trail Farms and visiting Piedmont Wildlife Center. The Venturing Program was developed to increase mentoring in DHA and other at-risk communities. Activities are designed to get youth out of their community and exploring the world around them through adventuring activities. These events also include Durham Police Explorers who serve as youth mentors.

Police Athletic League (PAL) Activities – The Police Athletic League (PAL) continued to hold a variety of activities during the 4th Quarter. The PAL golf fall session was held at Falls Village Golf Club with First Tee as a partner. The basketball club, which



is partnered with Family AAU, met on Sunday afternoons at Edison Johnson Recreation Center.

Weekly tennis lessons with Bull City Tennis were held on Tuesdays at East End Park from November 2 through December 14. PAL also partnered with Bull City Gaming to hold Rocket League gaming events for youth.

Academy Sports Shopping Spree – Officers took 21 children and teens on a shopping trip at Academy Sports and Outdoors on October 26. Each child was given a \$150 gift card to spend and most was spent on shoes, socks, clothes and items for the cold weather ahead. The children were selected from Community Services Division outreach events. One of the teens described the event to a television reporter as fun. "Like a lot. On a scale from like 1 to 10, like a million," she told the reporter.



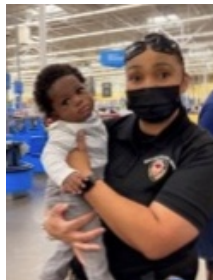
Meals on Wheels Delivery – During Thanksgiving week, employees of DPD's Recruiting Unit volunteered with Meals on Wheels Durham (MOWD). Officers delivered 30 meals to MOWD recipients including seniors, disabled individuals and people unable to prepare meals for themselves. Recruiting Unit employees have continued to volunteer with this program.



War Veteran Escort – In December, members of the Durham Police Department's Motor Unit were honored to escort the remains of Korean War veteran Corporal Leo Eugene Clevenger from RDU Airport to Bright Funeral Home and then to Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Durham.

On July 11, 1950, Corporal Clevenger, an infantryman with Company K, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division was reported missing in action while involved in combat operations against the North Korean People's Army. His remains were accounted for in September 2019 through DNA, dental, and anthropological testing. Corporal Clevenger was laid to rest on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in close proximity to a younger brother's grave.

COVID Awareness Walk and Ride – The DPD’s Motor Unit participated, along with the Durham Fire Department and Durham County Sheriff’s Office, in a COVID Awareness Walk and Motorcycle Ride to Durham County Stadium in November. The event was held by the Duke Health Preparedness Coalition, which includes Duke Health, the Durham County Department of Public Health and other community partners.



Crime Prevention Month Community Pop-Up Events – The DPD’s Community Resource Unit hosted several Safety Pop-Up events in October as part of National Crime Prevention Month Outreach. Events were held at two Durham Walmart stores, Home Depot on Mount Moriah Road, downtown Central Park, Renaissance Center, Duke Manor Apartments. Officers from the Community Resource Unit also attended events at Voyager Academy and Lowes on Fayetteville Road.

First Aid Community Outreach – Officers from the Community Engagement Unit held four first aid events during November and December to teach 50 participants CPR, to provide health and safety information and to strengthen our relationship with the community.

CEU officers and partners from Neighborhood Improvement Services, the Durham Fire Department, Durham County EMS and Duke attended first aid events at Burton Park and McDougald Terrace. As part of the first aid program, officers also attended a Community Safety Day on November 20 at Club Boulevard Elementary School.

PAL Venturing Shopping Event – On November 8, 10 Venturing Program youth participants were given \$125 gift cards to shop at Dick’s Sporting Goods. DPD officers assisted the participants with selecting basketball clothing and equipment and other items.

Turkey Trot – On November 23, officers from the DPD’s Motor Unit assisted Durham County Sheriff’s Department with an escort with a Turkey Trot at Mangum Elementary School in Bahama. The staff along with approximately 80 kids participated in the run.

Walk to School Day – On October 28, officers participated in a Walk to School Day for more than 500 students at Eastway Elementary School on North Alston Avenue. Participants included Eastway staff and students, Bike Durham, the



DPD's Hispanic and LGBTQ liaison officers, PAL officers and Community Resource Unit officers.

2021 DPD Employee Holiday Initiatives

(These are a small sample of the many holiday outreach efforts from DPD employees)

Forensic Services Unit – Our Forensic Services Unit held its annual Marine Toys for Tots Drive in 2021. FSU's holiday bake sale raised \$768 to support the toy collection drive. Bake sale proceeds helped FSU to purchase 240 children's gifts. Over the past six years FSU and other employees have contributed over 1,400 presents to the Toys for Tots campaign.

Property and Evidence Unit – Employees of the Property and Evidence Unit (PEU) have a tradition of paying kindness forward especially during the holiday season. In 2021 PEU employees held a food and clothing drive that yielded generous amounts of food and clothing items to support Urban Ministries of Durham. The unit also donated gently used bicycles to Love and Respect Recovery Inc. for a community bike giveaway for children that was held December 23.

Crisis Intervention Team – On December 20, officers from the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) delivered a cash donation to the Ronald McDonald House as part of the unit's holiday initiative. The donation goes toward helping RMHC create, find and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children.

Creature Comforts Campaign – Employees from our Bio-Chemical Emergency Response Team (B-CERT), District 5 (includes DPD K9 Unit)/Special Services and District 4 partnered with DCSO to provide holiday gifts for shelter animals in our community as part of our 2021 Creature Comforts Holiday Campaign. Officers delivered a large truck filled with supplies for cats, dogs and pocket pets to the Animal Protection Society of Durham on East Club Boulevard.

Recruiting Unit – Officers from the DPD Recruiting Unit participated at a charitable outreach gift-wrapping party hosted by Starbucks on December 20. As donors to Starbucks' "Giving Tree" holiday program, officers wrapped presents they purchased for local youth participants. Books, boots, dolls, Playdoh, video games, jeans, sweats and a computer tablet were among the gifts purchased and nicely packaged for delivery. The recipients of the presents range in age from three to 11 years old.

Traffic and Crash Team (TACT) – Investigators from the Traffic and Crash Team (TACT) donated their time to help pack "shoe boxes" for Operation Christmas Child at Grey Stone Church on

November 22. Operation Christmas Child provides gifts for kids across the world that are in poor and developing countries. TACT investigators were able to help collect and pack over 3,000 shoe boxes.

Squads and Individual Employees – Individual officers as well as squads and units adopted several children and families for the holidays. They donated money to provide gifts and food for people they got to know as part of their daily work in our community.

4th Quarter Homicide Arrests

Holloway Street Homicide Arrest – Nicareo Earl, 21, of Durham was arrested on December 23 and charged with murder in the shooting death of 28-year-old Saquan Facyson on Holloway Street near Briggs Avenue.

Officers responded to a shooting call shortly after 7:30 p.m. on December 17. When officers arrived, they located Facyson, who had been shot. Facyson was pronounced dead at the scene.

Penrith Drive Homicide Arrest – Michael Samuel Sidney, 19, was arrested on December 17 in Clayton by members of the U.S. Marshals Service Carolina Regional Fugitive Task Force and charged with murder in the October 2021 fatal shooting of 18-year-old Alexa Centeno on Penrith Drive. Officers were dispatched to a report of a cardiac arrest around 9:45 p.m. on October 28. When they arrived, they found Centeno who had been shot. She was transported to the hospital, where she later died.

Hardee Street Homicide Arrest – Bashir Amir Perry, 31, of Durham was arrested and charged with the fatal shooting of 33-year-old Aaron Dwayne Reese on October 2. Perry was arrested on October 12, 2021 in Hillsborough, North Carolina by members of the U.S. Marshals Service Carolina Regional Fugitive Task Force.

Officers responded to a shooting call in the 600 block of Hardee Street shortly after 6 p.m. on October 2. When they arrived on the scene, they found Reese inside a vehicle in the parking lot. Reese, who had been shot, was pronounced dead at the scene. According to investigators, the shooting does not appear to have been random.

Drew Street Homicide Arrests – Two men were arrested in January 2022 and charged with murder in connection with a shooting on Drew Street in November 2021. Indictments were issued in January charging Yahir Jacinto Gamasa, 18, and Javier Gutierrez Pascual, 22, each with

one count of murder, one count of attempted murder and one count of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury.

Officers responded to a shooting call at 11:18 p.m. on November 13. When officers arrived, they located two males who had been shot inside a vehicle. One male was transported to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries and a juvenile male was pronounced dead at the scene. Officers located an additional adult male nearby who had been shot. This male was transported to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries. The incident did not appear to be random.

Significant 4th Quarter Robbery Arrests

Extended Stay Robbery Arrest – Durham police investigators arrested a 16-year-old male and charged him with robbing a man at gunpoint at the Extended Stay America on NC 55 Highway on October 16. The victim told officers he was in the laundry facility when a teen approached him and pointed a gun at him. The teen fled with the man's wallet. Investigators obtained a juvenile petition charging the 16-year-old with robbery with a dangerous weapon.

Cook Road Armed Robbery Arrests – On November 8, officers responded to an armed robbery at a park in the 600 block of Cook Road. The victim told officers he was getting items out of his Toyota Highlander when four men armed with guns approached him and took his car. A few minutes later, an officer spotted the stolen Highlander on East Cornwallis Road and attempted to stop it, but the driver did not stop. The occupants abandoned the vehicle on Sprucewood Drive and fled on foot. Officers caught and arrested three teens – Nizer Bennett, 18, a 17-year-old male and a 16-year-old male – and charged them with robbery with a dangerous weapon and felony conspiracy. Bennett was also charged with filing a false police report. The 17-year-old was also charged with possession of a handgun by a minor and carrying a concealed gun.

Attempted Carjackings Arrests – Officers arrested two men and charged them attempting to carjack two vehicles on November 24 in the same area. A woman told officers three males, one with an object in his hand, approached her around 8:15 p.m. on Magna Drive and demanded her keys and her money. The woman screamed and the men ran without taking anything. A few minutes later, a man told officers he was driving on Knightwood Drive when one man ran in front of his vehicle and a second man tried to open the passenger door of his vehicle.

A short time later, officers arrested Alexander Robledo-Vega, 19, of Haw River on Bengal Drive and arrested Milton Roberto Baives-Zaula, 22, of Durham on Mineral Springs Road. Officers

confiscated a handgun from Baives-Zaula. Investigators charged Robledo-Vega and Baives-Zaula both with attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, attempted common-law robbery and two counts of felony conspiracy.

South Roxboro Street Robbery/Shooting Arrest – A Durham man told officers he saw a man inside his car in a parking lot on South Roxboro Street on December 16. The car owner approached his vehicle and told the man to get out. The man refused and fired a shot at the car owner before driving away in the stolen car. No one was injured in the shooting.

Officers spotted the stolen car a short time later in northern Durham and attempted to stop it, but the occupant jumped out and ran. Officers caught the driver after a brief foot chase. Ladarius Daye, 19, was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and discharging a firearm within the city limits.

Prospectus Drive Robbery Arrest – A woman told officers she was going to her vehicle in the 4900 block of Prospectus Drive around 8:15 p.m. on December 9 when a man armed with a knife approached her and demanded her vehicle keys. The man fled in her vehicle, which was spotted a short time later by an officer with the Apex Police Department. The officer attempted to stop the stolen vehicle, but the driver refused to stop. The officer chased the vehicle into Chatham County, where the driver stopped the vehicle and fled on foot. The driver was not apprehended at that time. No injuries were reported, and the vehicle was not damaged.

On December 10, deputies from the Chatham County Sheriff's Office responded to a call about vehicle break-ins and arrested Brandon Sean Browne, 27, of Greensboro on several charges. Durham police investigators later took out a warrant charging Browne with robbery with a dangerous weapon in connection with the incident on Prospectus Drive.

Convenience Store Robberies – A Durham man, already awaiting trial for three convenience store robberies committed during July 2021, was arrested and charged with robbing four convenience stores in late November and early December 2021.

Quentin Derand Evans, 32, was charged in the following cases:

- **November 29 at the Circle K, 2322 NC 54 Highway East** – A man entered the store around 5:40 p.m. and demanded cigarettes. He threatened to shoot the clerk if she did not comply.

- **November 30 at the Circle K, 100 Woodcroft Parkway** – A man entered the business shortly before 10:30 p.m. and demanded cash and cigarettes. He kept his hand in his pocket as if he had a gun.
- **December 3 at the BP, 2327 NC 54 Highway East** – A man came in the store at 6:10 a.m., told the clerk he had a gun and demanded money and cigarettes.
- **December 3 at the Exxon, 4706 NC 55 Highway** – A man entered the business shortly before 6 p.m. and told the clerk he had a gun. He demanded cash and cigarettes. Evans was arrested a short time later in a parking lot in the 4500 block of NC 55 Highway.

Evans was charged with four counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon. He was also charged with breaking into the Cruizers at 1914 Sedwick Road on December 3 and attempting to break into the Marathon convenience store at 4319 NC 55 Highway on December 3.

Significant 4th Quarter Aggravated Assault Arrests

Streets at Southpoint Shooting/Robbery Arrests – Investigators arrested three people in connection with a shooting/armed robbery incident at The Streets at Southpoint at 6910 Fayetteville Road on November 26. Three people were shot, and three other people were treated at local hospitals for non-life-threatening injuries sustained in the aftermath of the shooting incident.

Initial reports indicated that there were two groups involved in a shooting incident. After a thorough investigation it was determined that robbery was the motive for this incident. Investigators advised that this robbery and subsequent shooting does not appear to have been gang related and does not appear to be a random incident.

Investigators interviewed dozens of people and viewed several videos. As a result of their investigation, they learned a man, who was not an authorized vendor, was selling jewelry outside a store on the second floor of the shopping center when he was approached by at least two men.

At least one of the two men had a gun and attempted to rob the man selling the jewelry, according to investigators. Both men – the man selling the jewelry and the suspected robber with the gun – fired guns. The suspected robber was shot and was taken to the hospital for treatment of life-threatening injuries. The man selling jewelry was not injured and remained on the scene. Officers recovered two firearms from the scene.

Two men – Lamonttae Taylor, 20, of Durham and Romeo Pride, 26, of Durham - were charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon. Pride, who was shot and seriously wounded during the incident, was also charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and carrying a concealed gun. Taylor was also charged with felony conspiracy, felony possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia. A third man – Jaquaay Walton, 31, of Virginia - was charged with carrying a concealed gun.

2020 Juniper Street Shooting Arrest – On October 9, officers were dispatched to a suspicious person call in the 1800 block of Holloway Street. The caller told officers he saw the man who had shot him on October 25, 2020 in the 900 block of Juniper Street. The victim had been shot multiple times in the legs during the incident.

Officers located a possible male suspect on Lathrop Street. The male, Michael Whyte, 42, of Durham, was arrested on drug and weapon charges (possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, carrying a concealed gun and possession of cocaine with the intent to manufacture, sell or deliver). He was then questioned by investigators and charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon in connection with the October 2020 shooting.

Fayetteville Street Shooting Arrest – A third man was arrested during the 4th Quarter of 2021 and charged with shooting five people during a drive-by shooting on Fayetteville Street in May 2021. Frank Xavier Jackson, 23, of Durham, was arrested on October 14 on Junction Road.

Officers were dispatched to a shooting call at 11:51 p.m. on May 27 in the 1200 block of Fayetteville Street. When they arrived, they found four people who had been shot. All four victims – three adult males and one adult female – were taken to the hospital for treatment of serious injuries. A man arrived at the hospital approximately 30 minutes later and said he had also been shot at the same location.

Jackson, along with Raiquan Yancey, 25, and Ta’Meer Campbell, 21, who were arrested earlier in 2021, was charged with five counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and felony conspiracy. Yancey was also charged with larceny of a firearm and Jackson and Yancey were also charged with discharging a firearm from an enclosure.

Commerce Street Shooting Arrest – Jawon Daveion Hunter, 20, was arrested and charged with firing several shots at a man on Commerce Street on October 5. No one was injured.

Officers responded to a “sound of shots” call and were told that several shots had been fired in the direction of the victim by a man in a parking lot in the 100 block of Commerce Street. Hunter was arrested on October 6 on Bridgefield Place and was in possession of a gun at that time. Hunter was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, discharging a firearm within the city limits, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, two drug charges and a felony probation violation.

Cascadilla Street Shooting Arrest – On November 25, officers responded to a report of a stolen vehicle at a local convenience store. A short time later, the stolen vehicle was found on Cascadilla Street and a possible suspect was seen nearby. As officers were chasing the possible suspect on foot, they heard a gunshot. No one was injured.

A DPD K9 officer located 19-year-old Selvin Diaz-Siguenza hiding in bushes on Hugo Street and officers recovered a gun. Diaz-Siguenza was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, discharging a firearm within the city limits, possession of a stolen firearm, carrying a concealed gun, breaking and entering to a motor vehicle, larceny of a motor vehicle and possession of stolen goods.

Morehead Avenue Shooting Arrest – Investigators arrested 20-year-old Jaidyn Tinsley in connection with a shooting on Morehead Avenue on September 15. He was arrested on December 2 during a drug raid on South Street.

A woman told officers she was driving her vehicle, which was occupied by four people including a two-month-old baby, on Morehead Avenue when the occupant(s) of a blue car fired shots at her vehicle. The woman was shot in the hand and officers found several bullet holes in her car.

Tinsley was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, three counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, discharging a barreled weapon or firearm into an occupied dwelling or occupied conveyance while in operation to incite fear and discharging a firearm within the city limits.

Outstanding warrants from the Durham County Sheriff’s Office charging Tinsley with two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, two counts of possession of a stolen firearm, fleeing to elude law enforcement officers in a motor vehicle and a traffic citation were also served on Tinsley.

Lyric Street Shooting Arrest – Investigators arrested Cortez Hayes, 32, of Durham and charged him with shooting a man on Lyric Street in October. Officers responded to a shooting call in the

400 block of Lyric Street on October 24 and found an adult male who had been shot and suffered a graze wound to his back. Hayes was arrested on December 29 on charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling.

Owen Street Shooting Arrest – A 17-year-old male was arrested and charged with shooting a man in the leg following an argument in December on Owen Street. The 21-year-old victim was shot in the leg in the 2400 block of Owen Street on December 6. Juvenile petitions were issued charging the 17-year-old with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, carrying a concealed gun, possession of a handgun by a minor and simple assault.

Hearthside Street Shooting Arrest – A Durham man was arrested and charged with firing shots into an occupied residence on Hearthside Street shortly before 9 p.m. on October 1. A resident told officers she heard shots and a bullet entered her home, which was also occupied by a juvenile. Bullets also damaged a vehicle.

Investigators charged Sheldon Stuart, 35, of Durham with two counts of injury to property and discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling. No one was injured. Investigators believe the shooting stemmed from an argument, which did not involve the resident of the damaged home.

Briggs Avenue Shooting Arrest – Officers were dispatched to a disturbance with a weapon call on October 20 in the 400 block of South Briggs Avenue. When they arrived, they found numerous bullet casings in a parking lot, but no injuries were reported. Officers were told that two males got out of a vehicle and fired shots at other people in the parking lot.

Michael Spears, 20, was arrested and charged with going armed to the terror of the public and discharging a firearm within the city limits.

4th Quarter Drug Trafficking Arrests

Ecstasy and Cocaine Trafficking Charges – In October, the DPD's Vice Narcotics Unit, with the assistance of the Selective Enforcement Team, served arrest warrants from a long-term drug investigation involving Demario Mitchell, 31, of Raleigh.

During the arrest, officers confiscated 14.4 grams of marijuana, 171.8 grams of cocaine, 60 dosage units of Ecstasy, drug paraphernalia, a loaded Taurus .40 caliber handgun and a loaded Smith and Wesson AR-15 with a loaded double drum magazine.

Mitchell was arrested on two charges of trafficking in cocaine, one charge of trafficking in heroin, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 15 additional felony drug charges.

Opioid Trafficking Arrests – On December 14, investigators assisted members of the U.S. Marshals Task Force after they found drugs and weapons inside an apartment in the 5300 block of Penrith Drive during a warrant service. Investigators confiscated 11.4 grams in opiates, 86.9 grams of marijuana and four weapons.

Justin Daniel Ortiz, 18, and Martin Michael Akins, 28, were both charged with trafficking in heroin or opiates and other drug charges. Akins was also charged with two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Ortiz was arrested on robbery and burglary warrants from New Jersey.

Heroin Trafficking Arrest – Investigators from the Durham Police Department's Organized Crime Division arrested Jerrard Lemont Williams, Jr., 33, of Durham on multiple charges following a long-term undercover drug investigation. Williams was charged with trafficking heroin and 15 other drug offenses.

Organized Crime Division 2021 Drug and Firearms Statistics

- 139 firearms seized
- 549.94 grams of crack cocaine seized
- 148,072.1 grams of powder cocaine seized

- 1,470.81 grams of heroin seized
- 239,384.47 grams of marijuana seized
- 24,715.77 grams of methamphetamine seized
- 2,768 dosage units of other drugs seized

Forensic Services Division 2021 Activities

Crime Lab

Digital Forensics Section:

- 1,061 videos retrieved
- 177 cell phones analyzed
- 989 field responses completed
- 1,169 examinations completed

Firearms Section:

- 992 firearms exams completed
- 617 function tests
- 900 NIBIN cases submitted
- Two serial number restorations
- 1,411 NIBIN entries
- 870 NIBIN leads

Latent Print Section:

- 3,398 prints entered into database
- 445 different people identified by latent prints
- 748 reports completed
- 89,680 total comparisons
- 5,599 items processed

Crime Scene Unit

- 2,567 calls for service
- More than 8,306 items of evidence turned in
- 64 Evidence reviews with investigators and/or attorneys